

A bill for an act

relating to veterinary medicine; defining certain terms; changing certain exemptions from practice definition; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 156.001, by adding subdivisions; 156.12, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.075.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3a. **Animal chiropractic.** "Animal chiropractic" means a system of treating diseases by manipulation of the vertebral column.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 3b. **Artificial insemination.** "Artificial insemination" means the implanting of live spermatozoa into a female animal.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6b. **Farriery.** "Farriery" means techniques used by a farrier or blacksmith including trimming hooves and making, fitting, and remodeling horseshoes.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

2.1 Subd. 8a. **Massage.** "Massage" means systematic therapeutic stroking or kneading
2.2 of the body or a specific body part of an animal to improve circulation and muscle
2.3 function, release scar tissue, or produce relaxation.

2.4 Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.001, is amended by adding a subdivision
2.5 to read:

2.6 Subd. 10a. **Teeth floating.** "Teeth floating" for horses and other equine animals
2.7 means:

2.8 (1) removal of enamel points from teeth with hand-held, nonmotorized,
2.9 non-air-powered files or rasps;

2.10 (2) reestablishing normal molar table angles and freeing up lateral excursion and
2.11 other normal movements of the mandible;

2.12 (3) shaping the lingual aspect of the lower arcades and the buccal aspect of the upper
2.13 arcades to a rounded smooth surface; and

2.14 (4) removing points from the buccal aspect of the upper arcade and the lingual
2.15 aspect of the lower arcade.

2.16 Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.12, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

2.17 Subdivision 1. **Practice.** (a) The practice of veterinary medicine, as used in this
2.18 chapter, shall mean the diagnosis, treatment, correction, relief, or prevention of animal
2.19 disease, deformity, defect, injury, or other physical or mental conditions; the performance
2.20 of obstetrical procedures for animals, including determination of pregnancy and correction
2.21 of sterility or infertility; and the rendering of advice or recommendations with regard to
2.22 any of the above. The practice of veterinary medicine shall include but not be limited to
2.23 the prescription or administration of any drug, medicine, biologic, apparatus, application,
2.24 anesthetic, or other therapeutic or diagnostic substance or technique.

2.25 (b) The practice of veterinary medicine shall not be construed to include the
2.26 dehorning of cattle and goats or, the castration of cattle, swine, goats, and sheep, or the
2.27 docking of sheep, artificial insemination, teeth floating, farriery, animal chiropractic,
2.28 massage, or other treatments of similar or less risk or requiring similar or less formal
2.29 veterinary education employed to maintain domestic animals in good health.

2.30 Sec. 7. **REPEALER.**

2.31 Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 156.075, is repealed.